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Despite her dislike of having her photo taken, Metro Winnipeg managing editor Elisha Dacey wants to thank Winnipeg for all their support over the past year.
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Thanks, Winnipeg, for our one-year birthday

‘Paper’ anniversary.
Thanks for reading — you’re the reason we’re celebrating

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One year ago, I sat at a rickety wooden table on a lawn chair and put out a newspaper.

OK, I had help. A little. And I had a computer, connected to the (at the time) unlocked Wi-Fi network at Shaw Park since ours wasn’t working properly. (Thanks Winnipeg Goldeyes, for letting me steal your internet signal.)

Man, we were nervous. Despite the plethora of support from Metro Canada, launching a newspaper is a scary thing. Especially launching a newspaper in an era where newspapers are supposed to be dying, not launching.

I’m thrilled to say that not only are we NOT dying, we’re thriving. In fact, the positive response in Winnipeg exceeded everyone’s expectations.

The current school of thought is that commuter papers don’t work in a town without some form of rapid transit. Not only did we prove them wrong, but I’m pretty sure the arrival of Metro Winnipeg was the signal to City Hall that they should build that rapid transit system already.

We started out with reporter James Turner and are now working with reporters Shane Gibson and Bernice Pontanilla. (You’re following @metrobee and @tsgibson on Twitter, right? Good.) We’ve also made some good friends along the way (shout out to @chrisdca and @roncantiveros) and may have had one or two laughs.

I’ve had a blast, and we’ve done several notable things over the year, but my absolute favourite campaign was when we changed Metro’s colours from “Roughrider Green” to “Bomber Blue and Gold.” I also had fun making fun of other Metro editors’ favourite CFL teams… only to get the smackdown from Metro Vancouver editor Jeff Hodson when the Bombers tripped at the Grey Cup finish line. (That’s OK, Blue, I still love you guys.)

Today, I’m sitting at a wooden desk with a green rolling chair and I’m no longer stealing internet signals. And tomorrow, we have a major downtown event that we’ll be announcing (and it involves free pizza from Papa John’s, so downtown workers, take note: lunch is on us tomorrow!)

So I’ve got to say thank you, Winnipeg, for reading us for the past year. Every time you open this paper and then share it with a friend, you’re supporting us and we sincerely appreciate it.

Here’s to many, many more anniversaries.

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Kiss ‘n Tell?
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Avenue on Portage opens its doors

Heritage restoration. After two years of transformation, the building is open and looking for tenants

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The Avenue on Portage is ready to bring life back to downtown Winnipeg.

Mayor Sam Katz and premier Greg Selinger joined developers Mark and Rick Hofer to officially cut the ribbon on the $12.4 million turn-of-the century heritage restoration project Tuesday.

"We need people living downtown — that's one of the keys to a vital downtown," said Selinger. "This ... is one of the best examples of what can happen when you have very brave and pioneering developers that are willing to come in, take a derelict building and completely revitalize it."

The province kicked in $1.4 million for the construction and another $575,000 for six affordable housing suites included in the building, and the city added $800,000 for the building costs.

The new building combines the old Avenue Building, originally built in 1904, and the neighbouring Hample Building finished two years later.

After sitting empty for more than a decade the two old buildings are now one six-storey, 75-suite apartment with 23,000 square feet of commercial space.

Mark Hofer tells Metro the building today looks nothing like it did when he first saw it. "You would have thought you'd find dead bodies basically — it was the worst thing you could imagine," he said.

About one-third of the apartments have been rented and Hofer expects the first tenants will start moving in April 15.

A view looking east onto Portage Avenue from the penthouse suite balcony (top), and an inside view of a one-bedroom apartment. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Police services

First Nations protest RCMP deal

Aboriginal leaders in Manitoba are taking the provincial and federal governments to court, saying the governments had no right to sign a new RCMP services agreement without consulting First Nations.

The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs wants to stop the governments from implementing the policing deal, which renews RCMP services across the province for the next 20 years.

"Currently we're experiencing increased crime rates — homicides, drug and alcohol-related crimes, domestic violence and gang activity is increasing in our communities," Assembly Grand Chief Derek Nepinak said Tuesday.

"We want to see more of our own people providing policing services."

Some communities have no detachments, leaving victims of crime to wait 90 minutes or more to have an officer arrive on scene.

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Bear a big celebrity in rural Manitoba

Makoon, which means "little bear" in Ojibwa. CONTRIBUTED

About 600 people have come knocking on Rene Dubois's door in southern Manitoba asking if they can hold and take photos of his new baby.

Sure, he replies. As long as the little guy's not napping.

Makoon, a black bear cub about the same size as Dubois's pet Chihuahua, has spent the past week living at his home in St. Malo, a small French community about 70 kilometres south of Winnipeg.

Dubois, a retired construction worker, says he was driving out of town to visit a cousin on March 25 when he spotted the tiny ball of fur in a ditch along the highway.

He waited to see if a mother bear was nearby, then went to take a closer look. The male cub appeared to be about five weeks old and looked to be starving to death.

He said his wife agreed they would nurse the animal back to health while they found it a new home.

Dubois said he later contacted a conservation official who told him the animal would be destroyed.

Dubois said he has since talked with officials at the Bear Creek Sanctuary near Barrie, Ont., and they may take the cub later this week.

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Rehabilitation

Makoon can be returned to the wild — if the government gives permission.

- **The owner of a bear sanctuary in Sprucedale, Ont.,** says he is willing to take the animal as long as he can return it to Manitoba next summer.
- **Mike McIntosh is waiting to hear if Manitoba officials will allow the move.** There are no bear sanctuaries in Manitoba.

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On the web

Protecting Trayvon

While vendors are profiting from Trayvon Martin merchandise, the teen's family has taken action to prevent offensive uses of his image. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Vaccine itching for approval

A new vaccine for poison sumac and poison oak is going to Phase 1 clinical trials later this year. More at metronews.ca

Mobile news

'Scout's honour' takes a new meaning as The Dog Scouts of America, a half-human, half-hound organization, goes about the business of doing good deeds. Scan the code for the story.

Arson inquiry. Five hospitalized after flames engulf house on Home St.

The Winnipeg Police Service's Arson Strike Force Unit is investigating an early morning fire Tuesday that sent five people to hospital.

Police and emergency crews were called to a home in the 700 block of Home Street just before 5:15 a.m. where they found the front of the residence engulfed in flames.

Some occupants had to be removed from the residence, and an adult female was taken to hospital in critical condition.

She was later upgraded to unstable.

An adult male originally taken to hospital in unstable condition has since been upgraded to stable.

Three others were transported in stable condition and a number of pets had to be rescued from the home.

Emergency crews spent about an hour getting the fire under control and investigators were seen taking pictures of the heavily damaged front patio later in the morning.

Police haven't determined the cause of the fire, but neighbours say they heard a number of loud bangs before the fire broke out.

The fire engulfed the front of the house. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

SHANE GIBSON/ METRO, WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Best contest ever. Young's love affair with space started early

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Scott Young's quest is out of this world.

The Manitoba Museum's manager of science communications and visitor experiences is hoping to be the lucky Metro reader to be sent into space.

Yes, that's right, space.

And Young is counting on the support of Winnipeggers, through their votes on the website metroinspace.com/ca to get there.

"I've always been interested in being up there in space to look down on Earth and float weightless," he said. "It seems like a great adventure."

To enter Metro's global competition, contestants must issue a passionate plea as to why they should be chosen to travel to space through the SXC Space Expedition Curacao.

The first time Young applied to be an astronaut, through the Canadian Astronaut program, he was only 10 years old.

"I was a bit young," he admits, adding that two subsequent applications didn't pan out.

However, he vows to one day float in space.

Scott Young, manager of science communications and visitor experiences at the Manitoba Museum, simulates a spacewalk on the micro-gravity trainer in the Museum's Science Gallery. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Crime

Break and enter arrest

Police have made an arrest after a string of break and enters in St. Vital in March left stolen credit cards in the wrong hands.

Between March 15 and March 21 police received a number of reports of thefts from vehicles and fraudulent use of stolen credit cards.

During each instance garage door openers were taken from parked vehicles and used to get into attached garages. Police say property including purses, money and identification was stolen. METRO

Canadian Wheat Board

Directors plan to appeal

Another court battle is shaping up over the future of wheat and barley production in Western Canada.

Eight former directors of the Canadian Wheat Board are appealing a recent court ruling regarding the end of the board's monopoly.

The federal government is allowing western farmers to sell wheat and barley without going through the board, starting Aug. 1. The former directors argued the government had no authority to make the change and asked a Manitoba judge to suspend it.

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Investigation

Man dies after falling through ice

Police are investigating another death this spring from someone falling through unsafe ice.

Manitoba RCMP say a 54-year-old ice fisherman from Winkler was driving an ATV on a lake near Grand Rapids on Monday when the machine went through the ice.

An emergency crew in a boat recovered the body.

Last week, Manitoba RCMP and others rescued 13 American anglers from an ice floe adrift in Lake of the Woods southeast of Winnipeg.

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Alone in the cockpit. Elderly passenger lands runaway plane safely

An elderly woman took control of a small plane from her unconscious husband that was dangerously low on fuel and landed it on a runway at a small northeastern Wisconsin airport, the facility's director said Tuesday.}}

Helen Collins, 80, had some flight training years ago but was not familiar with the controls of the Cessna twin-engine plane on Monday evening when her husband passed out, said Keith Kasbohm, director of Cherryland Airport near Sturgeon Bay.

Another pilot took to the skies to guide Collins to the ground, but she had to land the aircraft herself.

"She was on her last attempt to get lined up with the runway," Kasbohm said. "She reported one engine was sputtering on that last attempt to land. We were all watching and knew she had to do it."

Collins' 81-year-old husband, John, was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

Helen Collins had called 911 from the Cessna, prompting air-traffic controllers in Green Bay to alert Kasbohm.

Kasbohm called Robert Vuksanovic, a pilot who lived just a mile from the airport. Vuksanovic jumped in another plane owned by the Collins and flew up to meet the Cessna while instructing the novice on the radio.

Kasbohm described Collins as "cool, calm and collected on the radio" as the aircraft made a hard landing and skidded about 1,000 feet before coming to rest.

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Cleared of conflict

Ex-ambassador cleared by review

Canada's ex-ambassador to Libya has been cleared of any suggestion of conflict of interest in an internal review by the Foreign Affairs Department.

Sandra McCardell left her post as ambassador to Libya after a story surfaced that her husband had a job with Montreal engineering firm SNC-Lavalin, one of the major Canadian companies doing business in the North African country prior to the fall of Moammar Gadhafi last year.

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Gunman taunted before killing spree: Police

Daniel Sim and his sister are reported to be among the seven killed during Monday's shooting in Oakland, Calif. DANIEL SIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Premeditated rampage. South Korean nursing student was teased about his poor English skills prior to rampage

A nursing student expelled from a small Christian university and upset about being teased over his poor English skills opened fire at the school, going from room to room in a rampage that left six students and a secretary dead, police said Tuesday.

One L. Goh, 43, forced the secretary into a classroom at Oikos University in Oakland on Monday, told people to line up and, when some didn't co-operate, began his shooting spree, police Chief Howard Jordan said.

"It's very, very sad," Jordan said. "We have seven people who didn't deserve to die and three others wounded because (of) someone who couldn't deal with the pressures of life."

Goh, a South Korea native who became a U.S. citizen, was expelled in January for behavioural problems from the small private school of fewer than 100 students, Jordan said. The chief said Goh had anger management issues with other students.

Jordan said Goh appeared to have been planning the attack for several weeks.

Goh was upset with administrators and several students at the college, which an official said offered classes in Korean and English and was founded to help Korean immigrants adjust to a new country and find careers in nursing and ministry.

"They disrespected him, laughed at him," Jordan said. "They made fun of his lack of English speaking skills. It made him feel isolated compared to the other students."

Jordan said Goh tried to find a female administrator Monday and began shooting when he learned she wasn't there. The victims, who range in age from 21 to 40, were from various countries, including Nigeria, Nepal and the Philippines.

Sheriff's Sgt. J.D. Nelson said the suspect likely would make his first court appearance Wednesday.

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Missing. Evidence of rape inconclusive: Pathologist

WARNING: Graphic details from this court case may disturb some readers.

By the time Victoria Stafford's remains were found — clad only in butterfly earrings and her Hannah Montana T-shirt with the words "a girl can dream" — they were so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell if she was sexually assaulted, court heard Tuesday.

What is clear is that the eight-year-old girl died from at least four hammer blows to her head, and 16 of her ribs were broken or fractured, Dr. Michael Pollanen, Ontario's chief forensic pathologist, testified.

The slide show detailing the girl's autopsy was shown in court as part of testimony at the trial of Michael Rafferty.

Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, cried while the photos were on courtroom screens while her father, Rodney Stafford, left the room.

Beforehand, Ontario Superior Court Justice Thomas Heeney told jurors to brace themselves, saying what they were about to see "cannot help but tug at your heartstrings," but said they had to decide the case without emotion.

"We are, after all, dealing with the death of a little girl," Heeney said.

"You've been warned about graphic images being shown before and they've no doubt been disturbing, but I can tell you that this will be the worst that you will see during the course of this case, so you really need to steel yourselves."

Victoria (Tori) Stafford. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The Crown alleges Rafferty, 31, raped Tori before killing her, but Pollanen said that cannot be determined through the pathology.

The remains were in a moderately advanced stage of decomposition, to the point where some parts had already become skeletonized, he testified. When she was found 103 days after she went missing, Tori's remains were unrecognizable, and had to be identified through dental records.

Tori's remains had been wrapped in garbage bags and buried under a pile of rocks, forming "a sort of clandestine grave," Pollanen said. She was lying in the fetal position on her right side with rocks as heavy as 50 kilograms on top of her, court heard.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Transgendered model calls on Trump to fight discrimination

Unclear. Miss Universe Canada contestant who was once a man says details surrounding her re-entry into competition muddled

KATE WEBB
Metro in Vancouver

Embattled transgendered beauty Jenna Talackova says the decision to allow her to compete in the Miss Universe Canada pageant is only skin-deep.

In a statement issued late Monday, the organization seemingly reversed its earlier decision to disqualify the 23-year-old Vancouver model from the competition, "provided she meets the legal gender recognition requirements of Canada, and the standards established by other international competitions."

Talackova was disqualified March 23 on the grounds that she did not meet the pageant's requirement that contestants be "natural born" females — a rule her lawyer Gloria Allred called "blatant discrimination" at a Los Angeles news conference Tuesday. Talackova called on Miss Universe owner and real estate mogul Donald Trump to be a leader in the fight against discrimination.

Jenna Talackova, right, who was recently forced out of the Miss Universe Canada competition, appears with her attorney Gloria Allred at a news conference in Los Angeles, Tuesday. REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I also want Mr. Trump to clearly state that this rule will be eliminated, because I do not want any other woman to suffer the discrimination that I have to endure," said Talackova.

Talackova said she is still not sure where she stands with the pageant. "I wish Mr. Trump would just say in plain words whether or not I will be allowed to compete, and if I win whether I will be allowed to represent Canada in the Miss Universe competition," she said.

The 6-1 blond has said she knew she was a female at the age of four. She began hormone therapy at 14 and surgically changed her gender a few years ago when she was 19.

Allred displayed Talackova's Canadian passport identifying her as a woman, and said her birth certificate and driver's license match.

"We need a clear answer, not a wimpy, wishy-washy type of answer...something that we can take to the bank," Allred said.

Free my grapes

Wine lovers hope to quash 1928 law

"Free my grapes" was the rallying cry on Parliament Hill on Tuesday as a committee heard from supporters of a private member's bill seeking to erase a 1928 rule that restricts individuals from bringing wine across provincial borders.

Shirley-Ann George ran into that problem when she was visiting B.C. and then tried to join a wine club through a vineyard there, only to be told the vineyard couldn't ship to her home in Ontario.

She decided to start up the Alliance of Canadian Wine Consumers to try to change it.

"You've got to be kidding," is the most common refrain from people first learning about the rule, George said in an interview.

Bill C-311, which would amend the Importation of Intoxicating Liquors Act, was introduced in the House of Commons last fall by B.C. Tory MP Dan Albas.

While Albas doesn't drink, he said the issue came up frequently during the 2011 election campaign.

The law as written is akin to saying to car makers in Ontario that they can make their cars there but they can't ship them to B.C., said Albas.

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Fighter jet funding frozen after auditor general report

An aircraft maintainer walks by the U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. SAMUEL KING JR./U.S. AIR FORCE

The Harper government froze spending Tuesday on the multi-billion-dollar plan to buy new jet fighters minutes after the auditor general produced a withering report accusing the Department of National Defence of keeping Parliament in the dark about spiralling problems with the F-35 purchase.

The government also announced it would take away DND's ability to buy new weapons systems and hand it to Public Works — all in an effort to shield itself from the ensuing assault in the House of Commons that followed the release of the report by new Auditor General Michael Ferguson.

The Defence Department faced wide-ranging scorn over its management of the a plan to buy 65 new F-35 radar-evading stealth fighters for what the military initially insisted would cost $9 billion.

The cost of the purchase, which is already the largest single purchase of military hardware in Canadian history, will almost certainly be far higher than originally budgeted, Ferguson said.

He added that Public Works should have done a better job of overseeing the purchase, but Ferguson was particularly scathing about DND's failure to come clean on potential problems with buying the F-35.

"Briefing material did not inform senior decision makers, central agencies, and the Minister of the problems and associated risks of relying on the F-35 to replace the CF-18," Ferguson said in his report. "Nor did National Defence provide complete cost information to parliamentarians."

DND pointedly rejected criticism that it did not exercise due diligence in managing the project.

The auditor general's criticism does not mean the government will scrap the F-35 purchase or even consider opening up the sole-source procurement to other competitive bids.

Ferguson's mandate limits his criticism to the conduct of bureaucrats, but his findings could be incendiary for the Harper government. The audit came just one week after Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced $5.2 billion in cuts to public spending in his deficit-fighting budget.

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Toronto crowned 'sugar daddy' capital of Canada

Think your average sugar daddy is more like a grandpa? Think again, says dating website CEO Brandon Wade.
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Five-year study. Winnipeg places 10th in number of 'sugar daddies' per capita, just behind Halifax

DELIA MACPHERSON
Metro in Toronto

Looking for someone to take you out on the town? Fly you around the world and pamper you every chance they get? You're best chance of finding that is in Toronto.

A recent five-year study shows that Toronto has the highest number of "sugar daddies" per capita than any other city in Canada. Calgary came in second, according to the study, while Vancouver placed third.

Seekingarrangement.com, an online dating site that pairs wealthy men and women with those interested in dating them, conducted the study with data from the Canadian census.

So what is a "sugar daddy?" The Oxford English Dictionary defines it as "a rich older man who lavishes gifts on a young woman in return for her company or sexual favours."

Brandon Wade, founder and CEO of the website behind the study, says the negative stereotypes surrounding sugar daddies aren't true.

"If you look at the stats, sugar daddies are in their late 30s, early 40s," says Wade.

"Despite the stereotype, the 'real' sugar daddy is much younger, very generous and wealthy."

Wade claims women want to be spoiled and pampered. Using a site like his is a way for women to weed out the unemployed, lazy men from the wealthy men out there.

And wealthy they are. Wade says the average sugar daddy is worth between four and five million dollars, and has an annual income of about $200,000. Women are lining up for a sugar daddy, with 10 women for every one daddy.

"People might ask, 'Doesn't he just want sex?' All men at the end of the day want sex," says Wade.

How many are married?

38.9

The percentage of Canadian sugar daddies who are married. Brandon Wade says that married sugar daddies are often in a sexless marriage and the financial ramifications of a divorce make for a sticky situation. Most wives have no idea their husband is a sugar daddy.

Winnipeg's numbers

Study shows Winnipeg places tenth:

- In Winnipeg, 1.26 in every 2,000 men is a sugar daddy.
- Locally, 54.1% are married, substantially higher than the national average.
- Their average income is $144,933.
- Their net worth is about $762,162.
- A Winnipeg sugar daddy spends $2,704 a month on his sugar baby.

Pakistan. Anti-American feelings complicate Afghan exit strategy

U.S. diplomatic efforts to persuade Pakistan to reopen NATO supply lines to the Afghan war are proving no match for rampant anti-Americanism there, with Pakistani lawmakers increasingly unwilling to support a decision that risks them being branded as friends of Washington.

Opposition legislators are demanding that the U.S. end its drone strikes against militants as a precondition, complicating U.S. strategies for winding down the 10–year war just weeks before a major NATO conference in President Barack Obama's hometown of Chicago.

Relations between the U.S. and Pakistan have been marked by mistrust since the two countries were thrust together following the Sept. 11 attacks, but shared interests — near-bankrupt Pakistan needs American aid, America needs Pakistan's support against al-Qaida — had kept the alliance intact.

That changed in November when U.S. airstrikes inadvertently killed 24 Pakistani troops on the Afghan border, triggering nationwide outrage and retaliation from Pakistan, which suspended diplomatic contacts and blocked vital land routes for U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan.

Since then, hardline Islamist and banned militant groups have staged large rallies around the country against any move to reopen the supply lines.

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Timeline

- **Sept. 2001**: The U.S. turns to Pakistan for help with al-Qaida following 9/11
- **Nov. 2011**: U.S. airstrikes kill 24 Pakistani troops
- **March 2012**: Pakistan's parliament calls for end to U.S. drone attacks
- **April 2012**: The U.S. announces an award for information on militant Hafiz Mohammad Saeed, who may have support of the Pakistani military

Troops returning to bases: Syria

Ceasefire. Activists refute government reports of early pullout ahead of truce

Syrian troops began pulling out Tuesday from some calm cities and headed back to their bases a week ahead of a deadline to implement an international ceasefire plan, a government official said.

The claim could not immediately be verified and activists near the capital Damascus denied troops were leaving their area. They said the day regime forces withdraw from streets, Syria will witness massive protests that will overthrow the government.

"Forces began withdrawing to outside calm cities and are returning to their bases, while in tense areas, they are pulling out to the outskirts," the government official said in Damascus without saying when the withdrawal began. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Syrians wave flags and chant slogans at a protest against President Bashar Assad in a neighbourhood of Damascus, Syria on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Bashar Assad agreed just days ago to an April 10 deadline to implement international envoy Kofi Annan's truce plan. It requires regime forces to withdraw from cities and observe a ceasefire. Rebel fighters are to immediately follow by ceasing violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market blaze

Moscow migrants killed in fire

A blaze Tuesday at a Moscow market killed 17 migrant workers who were unable to escape from the metal shed where they were sleeping, the city fire department said.

All were citizens of former Soviet nations in Central Asia. Several million migrants from Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan have come to Moscow in search of work. Many have found jobs in construction or at the city's sprawling markets.

Officials said the fire that broke out at the Kachalovsky market at 5 a.m. Tuesday tore through an insulated metal shed where the workers slept on bunk beds. The roof collapsed during the blaze, which burned for more than two hours, he said.

Investigators were still determining the cause of the fire, but said they suspected it may have started with electric space heaters.

About 12,000 people died last year in fires across the country.

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Bankers call for moratorium on proposed reforms

Finance. Policymakers should not overburden banks with regulations that could stifle growth: CBA president

Canada's bankers want to apply the brakes on sweeping new regulations being forced on them as a result of the 2008 financial collapse, possibly putting them on a collision course with the government and the Bank of Canada.

Canadian Bankers Association president Terry Campbell surprised a luncheon of policy-makers and industry executives Tuesday with a call for Ottawa to call a push the pause button on future reforms.

"We are facing the biggest regulatory implementation exercise the Canadian banking industry has ever undergone, and it is not done yet," he said.

"I think it would be useful for the federal government to hit the 'pause' button."

Commons finance committee chair James Rajotte, a Conservative MP from Alberta, seemed surprised by the appeal, but said afterwards if bankers have concerns, "we will certainly listen."

The proposal puts the private sector banks potentially in conflict with Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, who as head of the Swiss-based Financial Stability Board has been a leading proponent of the reform process and has had little patience with what he has called "back-sliding."

In recent interviews, Carney has said policy-makers are open to working with stakeholders about the end game of reforms, but appeared to dismiss notions of halting the process.

He insisted Canada's banking community is not opposed to stiffer regulations, including more capital requirements, that have already been approved.

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Managing the market

- CBA president Terry Campbell said the danger is that regulators may prevent banks from offering new, legitimate services.
- He also said regulations are so complex and require so many resources for compliance that they could drive smaller financial institutions out of the market, resulting in less competition.

No longer heir apparent

James Murdoch gestures as he leaves his father Rupert Murdoch's residence in central London last July. Murdoch, 39, stepped down Tuesday as chairman of British Sky Broadcasting, surrendering one of the biggest jobs in the Murdoch media empire. Murdoch's credibility had come under question due to the phone-hacking scandal at the now-defunct News of the World tabloid. SANG TAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Brewery bought

Molson Coors acquires StarBev

Molson Coors is looking to offset declining North American beer demand by acquiring leading Central and Eastern European beer maker StarBev for $3.5 billion US.

The deal will add nine breweries and 4,100 employees in several countries to Molson Coors, and should offer the company better growth opportunities in the beer-friendly European market.

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Market Minute

DOLLAR
$100.97¢ US (-0.01¢)

TSX
12,323.61 (-183.44)

OIL
$104.01 US (-$1.22)

GOLD
$1,672 US (-$7.70)

Natural gas: $2.187 US (+3.5¢)
Dow Jones: 13,199.55 (-64.94)

Insurers to pool risks from high-priced drug costs

A group of 23 Canadian insurance companies has come up with a plan to spread out the expense of high-priced drug treatments — a move they say will shelter Canadians from the risk of losing employer-sponsored coverage due to cost.

The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association says the insurers are trying to avoid a situation where employers face a sharp jump in premiums due to big claims for extremely expensive drugs.

To do so, the industry is developing a pooled system of coverage that will allow insurers to exclude the cost of certain high-cost drugs when setting premiums charged to employers.

"It is the industry's view that no Canadian should face the prospect of losing their drug coverage due to rare but very expensive drugs costs," Frank Swedlove, the association's president, said Tuesday.

Decisions about whether to cover a particular drug are up to the employers sponsoring the plan but cost is often an important factor in their decisions when deciding the extent of the coverage.

According to the association, certain drug treatments — typically for genetic enzyme disorders, cancer treatments and auto-immune disorders — can cost more than $50,000 per year per patient.

"The ability for insurance companies to pool the costs of very expensive drugs represents a win-win scenario for all participants in fully insured plans," he added.

"Employers get a more financially sustainable drug plan, employees benefit as they will continue to receive coverage from their employer plans even in the face of a high-cost drug claim, and insurers are able to spread the cost of high-cost claims amongst the participating companies."

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Insurance issues

- The Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association said Tuesday that one-third of companies polled for it recently by Leger Marketing indicated they would drop their drug coverage if premiums jumped by 25 per cent or more.
- The association says 100 per cent of the carriers that offer supplementary drug coverage have committed to the setting up a joint industry pool that will spread the costs for very large, recurrent prescription drug claims.
- Few details of the strategy were disclosed, but the group suggests the insurers will exclude the cost of some drugs when they set premiums for overall drug coverage.

Smartphones. Research in Motion shares down on news of patent lawsuit

Shares in Research in Motion were down almost 10 per cent Tuesday amid news that BlackBerry maker is being sued by a Dutch chipmaker for alleged patent infringement involving some of its smartphones.

RIM's stock closed at $12.88, down $1.37, or 9.6 per cent, on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Dutch semi-conductor company NXP confirmed that it's suing RIM for allegedly infringing on six patents by selling smartphones such as the BlackBerry Torch, Curve and Bold models. NXP filed the case this week in the U.S. federal court in Orlando, Fla. RIM said it typically declines to comment on litigation.

Also on Tuesday, the BlackBerry maker said it will open up its secure network for workplaces that use iPhones and other mobile devices. The move is intended to encourage enterprise customers to stick with its services, even if they gravitate away from the BlackBerry smartphone itself.

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Retail. Metro grocery chain buys seven Zellers pharmacies in Ontario

Grocery and pharmacy retailer Metro Inc. says it has acquired the prescription files of seven Zellers stores in Ontario ahead of next year's arrival of the U.S.-based Target chain.

The Montreal-based chain said an Ontario subsidiary has purchased the pharmacy businesses and files in Hamilton, London, Mississauga, Sudbury, Collingwood, and two in Brampton.

Customer files will be transferred to pharmacies operating at nearby Metro or Food Basics stores in those communities.

No price for the transaction was provided.

"At Metro, we continually strive to provide Ontario residents with a range of products and services that will allow them to live well and maintain a healthy lifestyle," said Lyman Kwok, vice-president of pharmacy operations.

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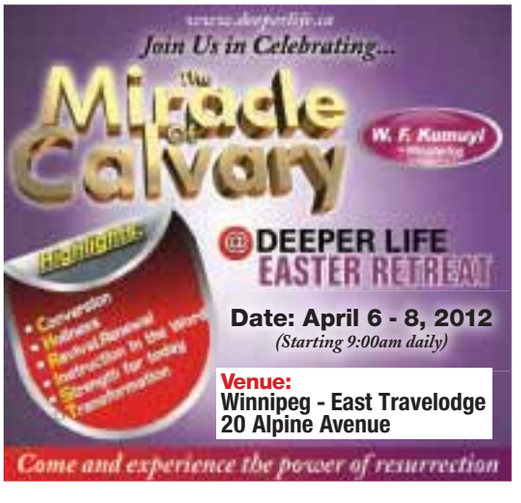


THOSE DARN SPACE ROCKS PULLING PRANKS, AGAIN

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca/justsaying

The end is near.

Now that I've got your attention, it's more like a near-miss.

On April 1, an asteroid the size of a 747 missed slamming into Earth at roughly 48,000 km/h when it zipped between the Earth and the moon, the cosmic equivalent of a hair's breadth.

Even though it happened on April Fool's Day, I'm not foolin'.

And as I write, there's another one coming.

If you're reading this, we've dodged a bullet called 2012 FA57, which was scheduled to fly past the neighbourhood just beyond the orbit of the moon … today.

It turns out these giant space rocks are whizzing around our heads all the time. The April Fool asteroid followed in the wake of one the size of a school bus and another the size of a car last week. They may be relatively small, but their size makes them no less scary.

Superstitious?

And if it misses on Friday the 13th, 2029, it gets another chance exactly seven years later on Friday the 13th, 2036!

According to Marshall Brain of HowStuffWorks, if an asteroid the size of a house crashed into the planet, it would have the energy of a bomb equivalent to the nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima. A 747-sized rock is bigger than a house and would have the impact of a much, much larger H-bomb.

Grim news. And you have to believe stuff that comes from a guy named Marshall Brain.

These so-called little shots are tricky, precisely because they are small enough to elude detection until it's too late to do anything about them. But they are nothing compared to the threat of Apophis, which is scheduled to narrowly miss Earth on — get this — Friday the 13th, 2029. Apophis is named after the Egyptian god of darkness and chaos, one bad dude. A direct hit would unleash the energy of 65,000 nukes, according to NASA.

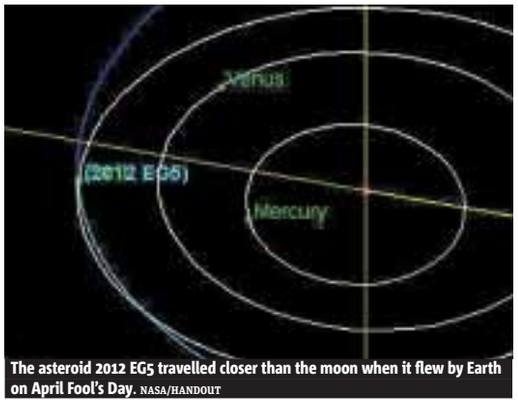
And if it misses on Friday the 13th, 2029, it gets another chance exactly seven years later on a Friday the 13th, 2036!

So the end could indeed be near. Admittedly, it's a long shot, but at one in 48,000 it's still greater than your chance of getting killed in a plane crash, which is one in 355,000.

Fortunately, there a stalwart band of scientists at NASA's Near-Earth Object Program who do nothing but watch the skies. They can see Apophis coming a long way off because it's 320 metres across. But they didn't discover the one that just missed until March 13, which is too late, baby. It will take two years to mount an effort to discourage an asteroid from burying its head into the bosom of Mother Earth.

So, that guy in the cartoon with "Repent! The End is Near!" sign and the haunted look? He's not so far off the beam.

Good thing you've led a blameless life to date, so there's nothing to worry about.



The asteroid 2012 EG5 travelled closer than the moon when it flew by Earth on April Fool's Day. NASA/HANDOUT

Mom, not in front of everyone!

BARBARA SCHEER/WUPPERTAL ZOO

Say hi

Polar bear cub makes world debut

WUPPERTAL, GERMANY. She may be less than three months old but in Germany this polar bear cub is already a big celebrity. This is Anori — pictured with her mother Vilma — who has just made her first public appearance. The little bear seemed completely at ease in her outdoor pen, despite onlookers and flashing cameras. **METRO**

Time to shine

In her, they see brother Knut

CELEBRITY. What makes this polar bear so famous? Anori shares a father with Knut, a cub that won the world's affection after his mother rejected him as a baby and he was raised by zookeepers. Such was Knut's acclaim that he even starred in his own film, Knut & Friends, which went on to win rave reviews worldwide. **METRO**

Anori the polar bear

Disappearing act

25,000

polar bears are left in the world, according to conservation group Polar Bears International.
The disappearance of sea ice has forced polar bears away from their usual feeding grounds. The Arctic summer sea ice will vanish by 2030, experts claim.

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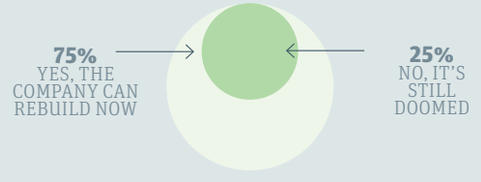
Does former RIM chief Jim Balsillie's retiring make you more optimistic about the BlackBerry maker?



Twitter

@L_L_M:
Does anyone have 2 or 3 standing bar tables I can borrow for our school production? Let me if you can help #winnipeg

@honey_child:
Oh, bother! I may have left my phone on the bus! If anyone's riding the 2, keep an eye out for a touch screen phone (no iPhone) #Winnipeg

@adriennepancbc:
I have to admit I find it embarrassing Canada's album of the year is a Christmas album. From Arcade Fire to this? Really? #junos2012

@Slim2727:
Its a freaking disgrace that only two Canadian franchises are in the playoffs. I give Edmonton & Winnipeg a pass for this year only.

@TheMadZoner:
Any chance we can get people to stop hacking up others here in #winnipeg ? How messed up are we gonna get? I'm tired of this already...

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The Rolling Stones with Mick Jagger, left, Ronnie Wood, Charlie Watts and Keith Richards on April 2, 2008 in London, England GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY IMAGES

Why we love the Stones

The beat goes on. This month marks the golden jubilee of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band

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As many wonder how Keith Richards has even lived this long, we give you 15 reasons to love the Stones, the band that's existed for half a century.

1. *Jagger/Richards:* It really all comes down to this: It's an artistic tug-of-war between words (Mick) and music (Keef), sex (Mick) and drugs (Keef), and every negative/positive charge that this songwriting partnership represents.

2. *Brian Jones:* By all accounts Jones founded and named the band, though the role of the second guitarist and multi-instrumentalist diminished progressively as he got more into drugs and less into fame. Mick and Keith fired him in June of 1969 and a month later he was found dead at the bottom of his swimming pool, only adding to the dark, mysterious aura of the Stones.

3. *Charlie Watts:* The drummer with the stoic face has not only been keeping the beat for the band for 50 years, but he has reportedly been keeping the faith with his wife of 47 years. Only after seeing the multiple dirty documentaries of the Stones' 1970s tours, does one realize how amazing this accomplishment is.

4. *Mick Taylor:* The guitarist joined the band at age 20 in 1969 and was only a Rolling Stone for five years and six albums, a period which was arguably the band's best.

5. *Ronnie Wood:* After serving as Rod Stewart's foil in The Faces, he replaced Taylor in 1975. He is the longest-reigning second guitarist, and the guitarist who looks the second-best with a guitar hanging on his bottom lip.

6. *Bill Wyman:* No, he was never smiling when the camera zoomed in on him in the videos, but there's something so weirdly likable about Wyman as the bassist.

7. *Darryl Jones:* Jones came on the scene almost 20 years ago (!) Yes, it's been that long since Bill Wyman left the band.

8. *Anybody else who has ever played with the band:* The Stones knew how to bring in guests, from the London Bach Choir on You Can't Always Get What You Want to Merry Clayton's killer singing on Gimme Shelter to sax man Bobby Keys on Exile on Main Street to the frequent keyboard guest spots by Billy Preston, Nicky Hopkins and Ian Stewart.

10. *The name:* No, it didn't come from Dylan's Like a Rolling Stone, although the guys did record that song in the '90s. It came from Muddy Waters' 1950 song, Rollin' Stone.

11. *The logo:* Whether or not it's based on Mick's mouth doesn't matter. It's red and juicy and it has absolutely nothing to do with a stone that's rolling, but it has everything to do with rock 'n' roll.

12. *Andrew Loog Oldham:* If it weren't for the Stones' manager and producer in the early years, the Stones might have stayed a relatively clean cut wannabe Beatles act.

13. *(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction:* Keef historically recorded this guitar figure before passing out, and went back to listen the next day and amongst the documents of his snoring, heard this amazing elementary riff.

14. *The comma in the title, Paint It, Black*

15. *Ruby Tuesday:* Try to forget that it's the name of an American chain restaurant and listen to the song like it's the first time you've ever heard it. Holy amazingness! That buzzing cello, that bassy tuba, the beautiful recorder, the deep low notes that Mick hits in the verses!

Reasons to love the Stones

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Mick's dancing.

WE ACTUALLY CAME UP WITH MORE REASONS TO LOVE THE STONES. YOU CAN READ THE COMPLETE LIST AND WATCH SOME VIDEOS OF THE BAND AT METRONEWS.CA/FEATURES

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

More downward-facing dogs for Baldwin?

Alec Baldwin is giving marriage another shot. The actor popped the question over the weekend to his 28-year-old yoga instructor girlfriend, Hilaria Thomas, whom he started dating last year. His publicist Matthew Hiltzik made the engagement announcement over Twitter. Baldwin, who once starred in a film called The Marrying Man, turns 54 on Tuesday and an engagement, says Hiltzik, is a "great way to celebrate!" Baldwin was previously married to Kim Basinger. They have a daughter together named Ireland. He published a book in 2008 called A Promise to Ourselves about his personal experience dealing with divorce and his battle with Basinger over custody of their daughter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the web

Luck creative duo defend safety of racing drama halted after three horse deaths; a 'bitter' end

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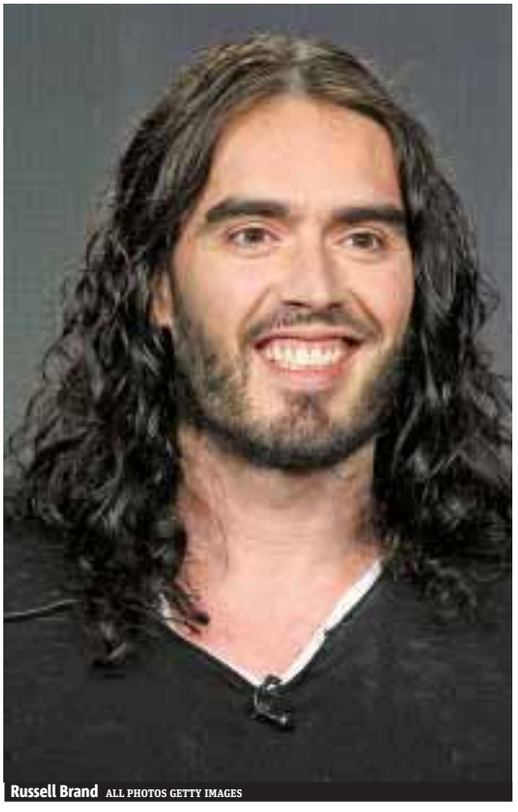
Russell Brand gives up rights of home to Katy Perry



Russell Brand ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Russell Brand was apparently serious when he said he didn't want anything from Katy Perry in their divorce, as the British comedian has reportedly given Perry all the rights to the $6.5 million Hollywood Hills home they purchased while married, according to TMZ.

"It's all part of the property settlement agreed between Russell and Katy," a source says of their divorce proceedings.

Perry and Brand snatched up the eight-bedroom, nine-bathroom home six months before Brand filed for divorce.

They had not signed a prenuptial agreement.

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The Word

Levi's johnson does it again

THE WORD
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Levi Johnston, a high-school drop out who is famous for knocking up someone kind of famous from an infamous political family, is using his super sperm to get back into the news cycle.

It was announced yesterday that the 21-year-old is expecting a baby with his Wasilla, Alaska school teacher girlfriend, Sunny Oglesby, 20.

TMZ.com reports that Oglesby is only around three-months pregnant and that Johnston is "so excited" about having a new baby out of wedlock.

This is most likely because Bristol Palin (along with her mom and dad) haven't been too accommodating about seeing his son Tripp.

I know Alaska is remote, but if Sarah Palin could see Russia from her house, how hard could it be for Johnston to spot a stack of Trojans at the Rite Aid?

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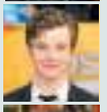
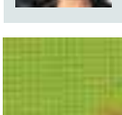


@ActuallyNPH
I wanna give my 3 millionth (!) follower something cool. How would one quantify that? Is there some sort of log?

@chriscolfer
When I cook it's pretty dangerous...

@Oprah
Anyone tried meditation? Keeps the peace inside yourself.



@SarahKSilverman
Adele's taught us that u don't have to be skinny to be a music star- u just have to be the most beautiful woman in the world ever

Rihanna

Rihanna looks to play Whitney Houston in biopic

Rihanna has her sights set on the role of a lifetime: playing Whitney Houston in a biopic about the late singer.

"That would be something that I would have to give my entire life to do, because I would really want to pull it off," she tells the Press Association. "My first song that I remember falling in love with was a Whitney Houston song: I Will Always Love You. It was really inspiring, and it made me develop a passion for music, so really, she's partly responsible for me being here in this industry."

Of course, first there needs to be a movie to star in, and while producer Clive Davis was reportedly putting one together, his rep has shot down that rumor, saying, "There is no truth to this. Clive is not putting together a biopic."

Oprah Winfrey admits to mistakes, end is nigh

Oprah Winfrey admits she's made some mistakes in the early days of her new TV network, OWN.

"Had I known that it was this difficult, I might have done something else," Winfrey says in an interview with the CBS Early Show. "I didn't think it was going to be easy, but if I knew then what I know now, I might have made different choices. If I were writing a book about it, I could call the book 101 Mistakes."

Oprah Winfrey

The traveller of today

The most important aspect of a vacation for our readers is the ability to 'do nothing and relax.'

Poll. In Metro's worldwide survey, we asked you what's important when on vacation and here's what we found out

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Metro World News

The environment

Who said you were a thoughtless, tech-crazed urbanite? Although your number one answer when asked about your travel attitudes was "vacations to me mean doing nothing and relaxing," a close number two was that you take actions to "reduce the environmental impact" of your travelling.

Here's an idea: Choose a holiday with a difference. Why not travel to Costa Rica where you can surf, eat cheap sushi and save sea turtles? If you're more of a passive environmentalist, reduce your carbon footprint by making small changes like taking a train rather than a plane or staying in an eco resort and not a big chain hotel. For more ideas head to ecotourism.org.

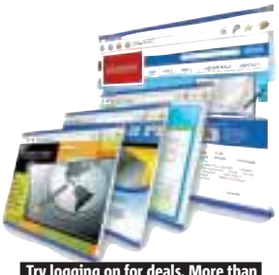
The web

There's a reason why half the travel agents in your neighbourhood have closed. More than half of you decide on a destination after having looked it up on the Internet. From there, 81 per cent will go on to plan their itinerary online.

Here's an idea: By now, you probably know what travel site offers the best fares, but we're partial to bing.com — a site we generally ignore. Their Farecaster technology predicts if a flight's cost may go up or down in a coming month.

Special offers

Although 34 per cent of those polled planned their summer vacation up to three months in advance, for many it's a last-minute decision based on what special offer is available at the time. Travel cost is a major issue (98 per cent considered it 'very important') but package deals allow you to leave with a set budget. Aside from the odd gift or splurge, you shouldn't spend more than planned.


Try logging on for deals. More than half of our readers decide on their destinations using the Internet.

Here's an idea: Sign up for daily email alerts from websites that sell discount deals such as Groupon or Living Social or Save My Day (brought to you by Metro). Offers include anything from a cruise in the Mediterranean to a wine tasting in South Africa — often with spaces to fill.

City and Sunshine

All it seems readers want (well, 63 per cent of them) is sunshine and access to a beach. This doesn't mean they want to shut themselves off from the world on a desert island — 30 per cent can't bear to be away from the city for too long.

Cannes offers sun and fun.

Here's an idea: Put two and two together and travel to a sunny city on the coast. Istanbul, Cannes, Barcelona or Los Angeles — these are all cosmopolitan cities blessed with sunny weather and beautiful beaches.

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Iceland chills on hotel rates

Hotel rates in Iceland have dropped 12 per cent since 2010, making the country's capital Reykjavik an "affordable European hot spot," says Travel and Leisure magazine. "Iceland's price points aren't at their rock-bottom 2008 levels, but they're still low," says the magazine. Icelandair resumed seasonal service from Canada on March 28, with four flights a week from Toronto to Reykjavik until November. Seasonal flights from Halifax resume June 7 with up to three flights weekly through October. The city is among several European destinations that Travel and Leisure deems "affordable" due to lower prices for hotels, meals or other expenses. The list includes Berlin, Krakow, Dublin, Budapest, Lisbon and economically hard-pressed Greece.
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On the Web

Montreal's iron icons: winding outdoor staircases win contest of local landmarks

Lynn Crawford makes Easter dinner easy for busy families

The Easter-long weekend is fast approaching and what does that mean?

Scavenger hunts, egg painting, bunny appearances, chocolate (too much chocolate) and of course, the big family dinner.

In keeping with the spirit of a holiday steeped in fun traditions, Inniskillin Wines and Chef Lynn Crawford created a main dish that packs just as much playfulness.

"This [food] was important to me because Easter dinner has been a long-standing tradition in the Crawford family, and so has Easter brunch. I wanted to create something that was reminiscent of home. After all, that's what this weekend is all about — cooking, eating, and enjoying great company," says Crawford.

This ham pairs perfect with Riesling or Pinot Noir.

1. Preheat the oven to 300 F.

2. Put the ham in a large roasting pan, skin side up. Using a sharp knife, score the ham with cuts across the skin, about 2-inches apart and 1/2-inch deep. Cut diagonally down the slashes to form a diamond pattern.

3. Season the ham generously with salt and pepper. Mix the herbs, mustard and oil to make a paste. Rub the herb mixture over the ham, being sure to get the flavour into all the slits. Bake the ham for 2 hours.

4. For the glaze, place a saucepan over medium heat. Add the chunks of butter, apples, shallots, garlic apple juice, brown sugar, water, and spices. Slowly cook the liquid down to a chunky, syrupy glaze, about 40 to 50 minutes.

5. Pour the apple mustard glaze over the ham and continue to cook for about 1 1/2 hours, basting with the juices every 30 minutes. Set the ham on a cutting board to rest before carving.

Ingredients

- 1 (8 to 10-pound) smoked ham, bone-in, skin on
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp thyme leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp sage leaves, chopped
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- 3 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut in chunks
- 3 Gala apples, cored and thinly sliced
- 3-4 shallots, peeled, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups apple cider
- 1/2 cup Inniskillin Riesling
- 1 cup honey
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 tsp whole cloves
- 2 cinnamon sticks

PEGGED AS CANADA'S TOP CHEF, LYNN CRAWFORD IS KNOWN FOR HER HIT FOOD NETWORK SHOW PITCHIN' IN, NOW IN ITS FOURTH SEASON/ INNISKILLIN WINES

Honey Mustard Ham with Apples & Inniskillin Riesling

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. PROVIDED

Drink of the week

Skyy Easter Bonnet

The SKYY Easter Bonnet is a refreshing blend of smooth SKYY Vodka, Campari, tropical guava puree, freshly squeezed lime juice and sweetened with a hint of simple syrup.

Top it with a flower and it's as pretty as your favourite Easter bonnet!

- 1 1/2 parts SKYY Vodka
- 1/2 part Campari
- 1 part Guava puree (nectar or juice can also be substituted)
- 1/2 part freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 part simple syrup

Pour ingredients in a shaker filled with ice. Shake and serve with a cocktail glass. SKYY SPIRITS

Twitter

@TalentEgg: Volunteer work, extracurricular, student groups and in-class work can all count as experience!

@stephaniefusco:
Advice: volunteer a lot, network and never turn down an interview. #HireGenY

@Ade4Target:
Students have to demonstrate leadership through projects & volunteer work. #HireGenY

@darcie_YYZ:
Volunteer w/ nonprofits (shows initiative) or w/ Student Union (shows a drive to make a difference) #Leadership #HireGenY

@dizzypuma:
Apply for extracurriculars first so that you have transferable skills (ex: sports, clubs, volunteering, etc.) #HireGenY

Student Voice

Give a little, get a little

Heather Mundle
Recent graduate from Carleton University's mass communications program and Algonquin College's public relations program.
TalentEgg.ca

Heather Mundle PROVIDED

The summer search for jobs is something all of us students are facing right now. It's April and most of us are getting squirmy for when the next big break is going to come.

As a public relations student and graduate, I have learned that opportunities are not just thrown at you; you need to search them out for yourself and be willing to jump quickly into a new venture.

After attending Carleton University for a Bachelor of Arts in mass communications, I went with leaps and bounds to Algonquin College for public relations. The combination of university taught me how to think while the practical, hands-on experience of the college setting is a push in the right direction toward a career.

At Algonquin, I also learned the value of volunteering and sharing your experience with others.

I made volunteering my only job where I have tried out public relations, marketing work, event planning and social media work. It is so great to lend a helping hand, gain some valuable experience and meet some wonderful friends and mentors along the way.

I think that in the university setting there needs to be more of a focus on volunteering in the community. It is one of the best ways to learn more about your field of study in a real world setting instead of asking yourself, "Now what am I going to do with this degree?"

Volunteering allows you to test out an area of interest before you are ready to make the big leap from student to career.

Never underestimate the power that the word 'volunteer' can have on your resumé. ISTOCK

A guide to giving back

So you want to be a volunteer. Follow these steps to find a cause befitting to your career aspirations

ELIZABETH BAISLEY
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• Research the causes or issues that are important to you: Find or create an organization that focuses on issues you're passionate about.

• Consider the skills you have to offer: Share skills that you use all day at work or that you have gained from a hobby or other experiences. Organizations requiring volunteers usually offer some training, but excessive training is costly and defeats the purpose of hiring volunteers.

• Seek opportunities where you can learn something new: This can be exciting, rewarding, and good for career development.

• Combine your goals: Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you achieve your other goals for your life, whether personal or professional.

• Don't over-commit your schedule: Be up front about how many hours you can commit to the organization. You don't want to frustrate the organization or overwhelm yourself.

Questions

What to ask an organization you are interested in volunteering for:

- Will you have to sign a liability release form so that the organization is not liable for any accidents you might have? This is especially important if you will be driving.
- How many hours will you be expected to commit each week?
- How long will your training be?
- Is there a time commitment in terms of months?
- Will you need a police check?

Applications and interviews are good things

You might be interviewed and expected to fill out an application, just like for a job. This is done to match you to tasks based on your skills and to ensure that you're committed.

It's probably a good thing that an organization does this, so don't let it scare you away. You are much more likely to find a meaningful volunteer position at an organization that puts time and planning into hiring their volunteers.

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Success in style. Author Michele Granger explains how to knock down fashion's front door

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Missouri State professor Michele Granger wrote the book on breaking into the fashion industry — three times over. Fashion Entrepreneur-ship: Retail Business Planning and The Fashion Intern are both in their second editions.

Plus, Fashion: The Industry and Its Careers is a must-read for anyone curious about a career in the field.

What's a good first step for breaking into the fashion industry?
Retail work — especially for kids that are still in high school. You get exposed to the products, management and sales.

For college students, it's a step they can take before they move in at a higher level after graduation.

What degrees should undergrads consider?
There are really two primary avenues. One is a degree in fashion design or fashion product development; the other is fashion merchandising. Design skews toward the artistic, creative people. Merchandising is more of the business end.

The fashion industry seems to embody a myriad of industries — from finance to creative design.
Fashion is a lifestyle. It runs the gamut: what you put in your house, your stationary, what you put on your body.

Add to that an incredible amount of news and journalism about the industry from publications and websites. If you figure out your skill set, you'll likely find a direction within the industry.

Look good, do good?

Is there room for altruism in a fashion-industry career?

- "There are more and more non-profits and others within the industry doing wonderful work: Housing Works and TOMS are just two. A lot of students say, "I don't want to be part of an industry that's frivolous and wasteful." We make sure to cover moral and ethical issues in our coursework at Missouri State, and any good program should do that."

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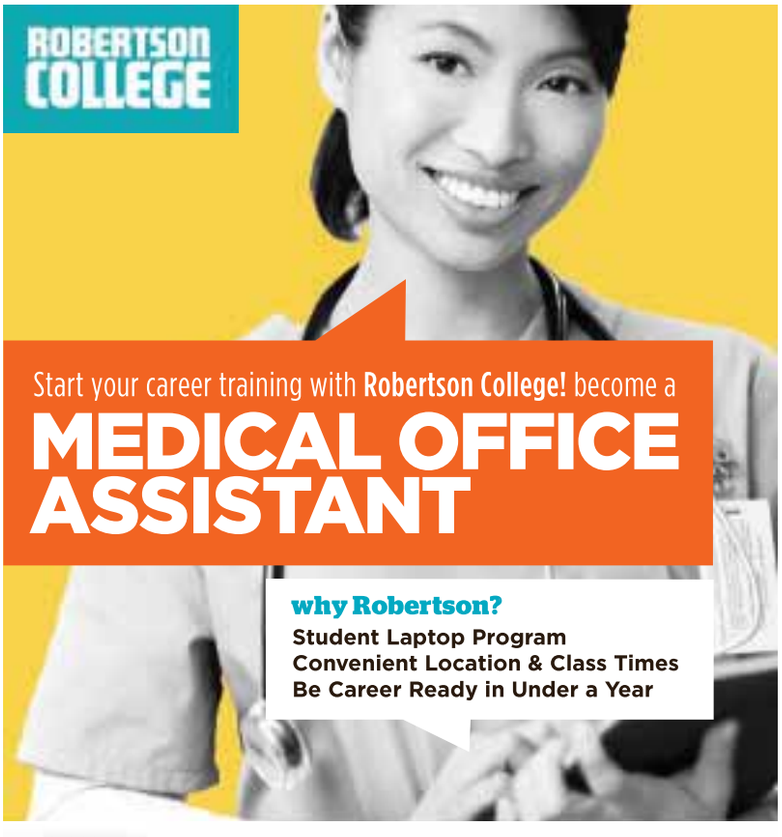
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Golf

Injury forces Johnson out of Masters

Dustin Johnson withdrew from this week's Masters on Tuesday because of a lingering back injury that he aggravated while lifting a jet ski last week, his agent said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Habs to examine Price's headaches

Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price will be examined by a team doctor Wednesday to determine whether the headaches he is suffering are a sign of something more serious.

The Canadiens have not confirmed a report that Price has a concussion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carey Price
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NFL

Saints' appeal to be heard on Thursday

Saints head coach Sean Payton, GM Mickey Loomis and assistant head coach Joe Vitt are set to have their appeals heard Thursday on punishments for their roles in New Orleans' bounty system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

"Maybe they (NHL) need Hollywood in the playoffs."

Edmonton coach Tom Renney on why his Oilers didn't get calls in their favour in a 2-0 loss to Los Angeles on Monday. The NHL fined Renney $10,000 US on Tuesday for the comments.

Ladd snipes overtime winner

NHL. Winnipeg wins 5-4, preventing the Florida Panthers from clinching a playoff spot

Andrew Ladd scored two goals, including the winner 3:12 into overtime, to give the Winnipeg Jets a 5-4 win over Florida that prevented the Panthers from clinching the Southeast Division title on Tuesday night.

Ladd's shot from the right circle hit the far post and went in.

The Panthers, who led 3-0, missed a chance to clinch the division and secure their first playoff berth since 2000, but they need only one point in their final two games to hold off Washington.

Florida could have earned a spot in the playoffs if Buffalo had lost in regulation, but the Sabres beat Toronto in overtime.

The Panthers will play at Washington on Thursday and then host Carolina in the regular-season finale on Saturday.

They had a chance to win it in regulation when Fleischmann came down the ice on a breakaway, but Pavelec stopped his shot with 21 seconds left.

The Panthers tied it 4-4 with 3:53 left in regulation on a bad-angle shot from Kopecky that came from below the left circle.

Leading 2-0 in the second period, the Panthers quickly added to their margin just 25 seconds into it when Fleischmann scored.

It appeared the Panthers would then coast into the playoffs, but the already-eliminated Jets didn't give up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stats sheet

- Bryan Little, Zach Bogosian and Evander Kane also scored for the Jets, and Ondrej Pavelec stopped 34 shots.
- Tomas Kopecky, Tomas Fleischmann, Kris Versteeg and Marco Sturm had goals for Florida, and Jose Theodore made 25 saves. Fleischmann and Versteeg both had an assist.

Florida Panthers fans react after Andrew Ladd scored the winning goal in overtime Tuesday in Sunrise, Fla.
PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curling. Canada remains unbeaten as competition for world title heats up

Canada's Glenn Howard has won in blowout fashion and had a few close calls at the world men's curling championship.

He has come through every time and remains a favourite to play for his fourth world title this weekend in Basel, Switzerland.

Howard improved his record to 7-0 Tuesday, winning a 7-6 nail-biter over Switzerland before posting an 8-5 win over Denmark. Both opponents are playoff long shots but still gave Howard a stiff challenge ahead of upcoming games against powerhouses Sweden and Scotland.

Howard said the quality of opposition is so high at the competition that every game is a test.

"When other teams play well, you can only do so much," he said. "Everybody keeps thinking you're supposed to blow people out. You can't — if the other team makes a lot of shots, that's the way it works.

"The bottom line is you just try to make one more than the next guy and get those wins." THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

74%

Glenn Howard shot just 74 per cent against the Swiss but teammates Wayne Middaugh, Brent Laing and Craig Savill each shot over 95 per cent.

Champions League

Messi's pair leads Barcelona to semis

Lionel Messi swept holder Barcelona into the Champions League semifinals for the fifth successive year on Tuesday while becoming the competition's most prolific scorer in a single season.

The Argentina forward scored a pair of first-half penalty kicks and Andres Iniesta added another goal after the break to give Barcelona a 3-1 victory over AC Milan following a 0-0 draw in Italy.

Messi's 14th Champions League goal this season surpassed Ruud van Nistelrooy's tally in the 2002-03 campaign.

Bayern Munich joined fellow four-time champion Barcelona in the semifinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NCAA. Kentucky team returns to adoring fans

Another championship banner has been unfurled at Rupp Arena.

Kentucky's basketball team returned home to its adoring fans Tuesday, after defeating Kansas 67-59 Monday night to win the school's eighth NCAA championship.

Blue-clad fans erupted into deafening cheers as the team pulled into the packed arena aboard a sleek blue bus emblazoned with "national champions."

It was a joyous curtain call for a team led by a talented group of freshmen and sophomores. The NBA likely beckons next for several of them.

Coach John Calipari pumped his fist and raised his arms in triumph as he basked in the cheers.

"You know why we won the national title? Folks, we have the best players and we have the best team," he said as the crowd erupted.

The rally punctuated a raucous few days in Lexington as the Wildcats marched toward the national title.

After the championship game, numerous small fires were set, dozens were arrested and one man was wounded by gunfire as fans again filled the streets near campus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Calipari, head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats
JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES/FILE

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"In hindsight, I realize what I said was inappropriate and wrong, and I want to apologize to the Penguins organization and their fans."

NBC and CBC hockey analyst Mike Milbury who found himself under fire Tuesday, a day after a rant against Pittsburgh Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby. Milbury ripped Crosby on a Philadelphia radio station Monday, calling out the Pens captain for his role in a game-ending line brawl Sunday between the Penguins and Flyers. He labelled Crosby "a punk" and "little goody two shoes" and also referred to "his 35th concussion."

"I don't know what he's looking for, if he's looking for attention. I don't know what it is. I really don't know where that came from. He's pretty good at twisting things around, that's for sure."

Sidney Crosby on Millbury before Pittsburgh's game against Boston on Tuesday.

On the web

Long overlooked and underfunded, the renamed Miami Marlins had top billing Tuesday as they played their first game at brand new Marlins Park against the defending World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals to open the 2012 MLB regular season. Scan the code for the story.

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On the Web

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Hyundai full of surprises

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Suspension

To accommodate the added power, Hyundai's engineers worked on the Coupe's suspension. That involved recalibrating the dampers and adding beefier anti-roll bars, but one of the cooler modifications is the addition of a "sound induction tube" that pipes in the exhaust notes for the enjoyment of the occupants.

Zero to 60

According to Hyundai, the revitalized V6 can propel the GT to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from zero in the "lower five-second range," but the company hasn't yet divulged times for the four-cylinder 2.0 model. The Coupe also has a more aggressive nosepiece featuring Hyundai's open-mouth grille.

2013 Genesis Coupe

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive sport coupe.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (274); 3.8-litre DOHC V6 (348).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/6.4 (2.0, AT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $28,100.

The four-cylinder is up 64 horsepower to 274.

Engines

Both the base 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo and optional 3.8-litre V6 have been power-enhanced and are accompanied by all-new optional eight-speed automatic transmissions with manual paddle shifters.

Updated six-speed manual gearboxes are standard.

Review. The Genesis coupe has rear-wheel drive and its V6 puts the boots to the Nissan 370Z, V6 Mustang, Camaro and Challenger

When Hyundai wants to upgrade, it doesn't mess around.

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

None of this five- or 10-horsepower stuff, or dressing it up with doilies and stickers.

In case you missed it, Hyundai's rear-drive four-seat coupe arrived for the 2010 model year and shares the Genesis name with its big-brother four-door sedan. The similarities end right about there, though.

While the sedan is all about cruising in style, the Coupe gets its kicks well away from the interstate, tackling two-lane back roads or, for some, smoking the tires and hanging the tail out on a closed autocross loop.

These and other activities will be significantly enhanced with the spring launch of the 2013 Coupe. Its arrival is indeed timely as this most unique Hyundai faces off against three new sporty competitors, including the front-wheel drive 2012 Mini Cooper Coupe plus the 2013 Scion FR-S and closely identical Subaru BRZ, which are both rear-wheel-drivers.

All four import-based cars form part of a "thin" market where sales volumes are low compared with sedans, wagons and pickup trucks and where each and every dotted-line conquest is critical.

Hyundai has bumped up the turbo Coupe's base price by about $1,600 to $28,100, while the 3.8 GT sees a $4,000 increase to $38,600.

That makes both editions a bit less financially appealing, but likely won't dissuade rapid-transit seekers who also appreciate an attractively packaged ride and the additional power.

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I'm not the first person to be driving along in perfect safety and serenity to be suddenly broadsided by another vehicle, and vaulted into that country called accident-land.

So many of you know what that feels like.

One moment you're driving along listening to Anne Murray or Black Sabbath, and the next there's a huge BANG. Instead of ending up where you planned, your day suddenly shifts to one populated by police, ambulance attendants, mangled machinery, tow trucks, witnesses and rental cars. A lot of cell phoning. A lot of standing around by the side of the road.

And a lot of going over the accident in your head.

Since it happened, a few months ago, I must have replayed that tape hundreds of times. I can't remember what socks I put on this morning, but every detail of those few moments before and after impact are available to me anytime I want in full HD. And I'm always surprised at how much information I was able to take in during those brief moments, like the metal got compressed, and so did time.

The tape goes something like this… A vehicle suddenly appears in my left periphery… What the?… That car shouldn't be there… What's going on?… Slam on the brakes… BANG… Diane screaming… The Mazda 626 deflected into the ditch… Can't believe we're not in pain…

We were shaken, but not internally stirred.

Moments earlier we were going dead straight on a lightly populated two-lane in the country, mid-morning in bright sunlight, en route to Ontario's Blue Mountain ski resort, to meet up with our friends Dave and Olga.

The car that hit us, had just turned left into our path, from a stop sign, intending to travel the same direction as us. That car's right front fender contacted our left front fender.

After making sure we weren't leaking, I ran out to yell at the other driver. I had to wait a bit. His car was veering erratically into a field, about 100 metres away from us. As soon as his car stopped, he scrambled out and ran up to us in the snow to see if we were all right. I was yelling at him most of the way.

A young guy. Said he didn't see us.

In retrospect, I should have asked if he was all right before yelling at him. That's one of the things I would do differently if I had to do it over again, which I won't. It's booked in that line of time nobody gets to change.

Quote

"When push comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people."

A lot of friendly folk stopped to help. Everybody on the scene, including police and ambulance attendants, couldn't have been more helpful or concerned. When push comes to shove, as it does in vehicle accidents, you are once again made aware of how far down the priority list are vehicles from the thing at the very top of the priority list — people.

The policeman on the scene said we were lucky. If we struck a bit earlier, we would have taken the blow by the driver's door. If we struck a bit later, we would have run into the back of him. There was a lot of meaty metal where we got together, and each car could deflect a lot of the energy by heading off in various, non-conflicting directions.

Our car was totalled. For someone who just lost a really decent car that I liked a lot, and would be really hard to replace at its going rate, I felt pretty good. Everyone, including me, was walking around, alive. Being alive is good.

Driving Force. Timing belt? Timing chain? You need to know!

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Two birds, one stone

- During timing belt replacement, you may be asked about replacing the water pump, too. You're not being ripped off. Water pumps wear out also, and since it has to be removed to reach the belt and you're already paying for that labour, it's relatively cheaper to get it all done at once.

Your car's engine contains hundreds of moving parts, all of which must be synchronized to run properly. That includes the valves, which use either a timing chain or timing belt — and it's important to know which one your engine uses.

While a chain is virtually maintenance-free, a timing belt should be changed at a predetermined mileage as a preventative measure.

Engines contain pistons that move up and down, turning a crankshaft to produce a spinning motion that eventually turns the wheels. The pistons are powered by gasoline.

The fuel comes in and the exhaust escapes through valves, which open and close via contact with a camshaft. The timing chain/belt runs between the crankshaft and camshaft, turning the camshaft at exactly the right speed. It's hidden behind a cover; the rubber belt you see when you open the hood is not the timing belt.

Whether it's a belt or chain depends on the model and the manufacturer.

"We don't use timing belts anymore," says Rob Murdoch, national manager of technical services for Mazda Canada.

"There's a shift (in the industry) from belts to chains because they tend to last longer."

Timing belts, which are made from rubber and fibre, became popular because they are quieter and weigh less than metal chains — important as automakers shave grams off components for improved fuel economy. But they do eventually wear out and can break. If this happens, the engine won't run.

On some higher-compression engines, the valves and pistons have such tight tolerances that a broken belt could result in the parts crashing together, creating serious engine damage.

These so-called "interference" engines are also becoming more common as automakers work to improve efficiency, but they're now more likely to use a chain.

"That's another reason why manufacturers are shifting from belts to chains," Murdoch says. "Consumers have concerns about the cost of maintenance."

Depending on the vehicle, the recommended time to change a timing belt is anywhere from about 90,000 to 150,000 km — before it breaks.

It can be a pricey repair on many models, since it's hard to access and requires a lot of time.

If you're not sure what type your car has, ask the dealership, or look in the maintenance section of the owner's manual to see if it's mentioned.

Timing chains tend to last longer than timing belts. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

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‘Flawless?’ Some 911 owners think so

Second Gear.
2005 to 2008
Porsche 911

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Most buy the Porsche 911 for its performance, heritage, rich racing history, and for the status implied by its badge.

Delivery of a high-style, high-status and high-performance driving experience is part of the package.

The so-called “997” generation of this machine was available from 2005 to 2008, inclusive. It’s a unique and celebrated sports car, but certainly not one for every buyer’s budget.

Common Issues

As with any high performance vehicle, parts and labour are pricey. Even changing tires and struts will run well into the thousands. Reports of leaky engine seals and niggling electrical issues have been made, so a full mechanical checkup and inspection of all on-board features should be considered mandatory. Note that reports of engine failure on earlier models in this generation aren’t uncommon. Apparently warped heads or a bad block design were to blame. An extended powertrain warranty isn’t a bad idea, if available.

Seek a Porsche mechanic’s opinion as to whether or not the vehicle has been abused or neglected, and question any signs of excessive wear and unusual noises.

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Engine

Look for rear-mounted flat-six engines on all models, ranging from 325 to 530 horsepower, depending on the model selected. Automatic or manual transmission were available, as were rear or all-wheel drive.

What Owners Like

Everyday usability, performance, style, status and practicality are all highly rated by 911 owners. Fuel mileage and relative comfort are other positives. Descriptors like “flawless” or “perfect” come up frequently in owners forums.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints are minor, though they mainly deal with limited trunk and rear seat space, and expensive factory options.

Verdict

The pleasure of driving a 911 should outweigh the potential costs — but don’t let your guard down when shopping. Patience and research are key to success here.

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13 Top-rated
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15 Football-game start
17 Opening day?
18 Tell
19 Father's Day gift
21 Nursery item
22 This way
26 Broadway backer
29 Pub order
30 Right-turn command
31 Upper House member
32 White House monogram
33 Verve
34 History chapter
35 Black-and-white seabird
36 Put forth
37 Decorate with raised work
39 Rock-concert need
40 Likely
41 Nap
45 Tarzan's clique
48 Kisser enhancement
50 Sandwich shop
51 Always
52 Cheerleader's cry
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54 Unit of force
55 Make an effort

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2 Shakespeare's river
3 Child of the streets
4 Beat
5 Spacious
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28 Snatch
29 Mail invitations
32 Sped
33 Vote off the island
35 Cleo's slayer
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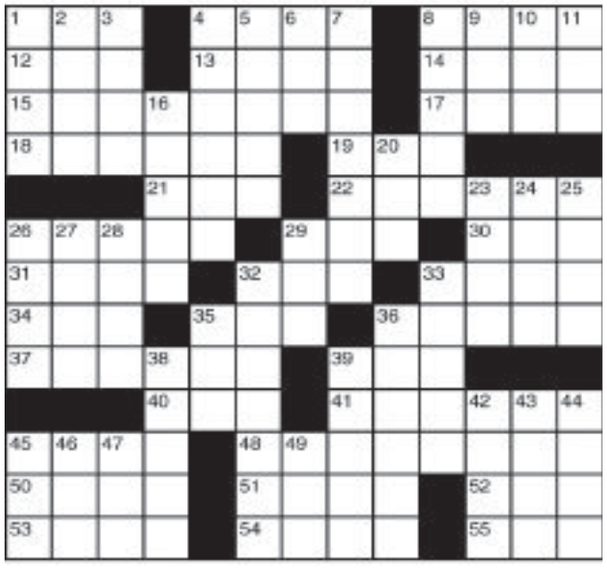

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

FT GSN TYFRPTNKKG JKDYA GSNI DYIM, F MNLLSMD GSN JSNKC JYKK RPYR XSSC YNIYK PGXFDAD.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER SOME BLACK INK WAS FOUND TO BE GUILTY OF A CRIME, THEY WOUND UP PUTTING IT IN THE PEN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals U

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You are never afraid to take risks but the approaching full moon warns they must now be calculated risks, or you might just come off second best.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Why are you contemplating an extreme solution for a problem that is really quite simple?

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. With your ruler Mercury moving in your favour again you should be focusing on realities. They can be as enjoyable as fantasies.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. This is not a good day to believe you can do six impossible things before breakfast. You need to know your limits.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. In the greater scheme of things, there is no such thing as "good" or "bad" events. It all depends on how you look at them.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Use your eyes and ears today, and make sure you know what is actually going on in your world, rather than what other people tell you is going on.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. What you say today may not be greeted with universal acclaim but that does not matter.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Raise your sights and make sure you can see the bigger picture. You'll recognize the significance soon.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Take your mind off your troubles today by getting involved in a new creative activity.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Take time out for your own needs today and don't feel guilty if friends and family complain that you are being unsociable.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Someone will say something upsetting but you must not respond in kind. Just smile sweetly.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Mercury, planet of the mind, turns direct in your sign today and you will notice that your problems no longer seem such a big deal.

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